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THE ALUMNI NEWS LETTER OF BIRCH ROCK CAMP

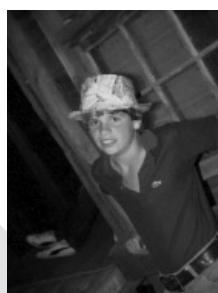
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY & COUNTRY:

ALUMNUS PROFILE:

— CHRISTIAN “KIT” CARSON —

'79-00S, —
By Rich Deering

Kit Carson along with his beautiful wife, Lauri and his two boys, Matthew '00s and Thomas '00s have been part of the Birch Rock Camp Community for over three decades. Born in Cape Elizabeth, ME, Kit found BRC through family friends. After graduating from high school in 1986 and marrying his college sweetheart Lauri in 1990, Kit embarked into a career of public service and law enforcement with the Old Orchard Beach, Cape Elizabeth and Bridgton, ME police departments. At the same time, Kit also enlisted in the United States Coast Guard where he continues to serve today actively in the Reserves. Furthering his thirst for more knowledge and service, Kit later continued his education in Organizational Leadership from University of New England and is an Emergency Medical Technician and trainer. Here are some excerpts from our discussions:



Q: What are your most vivid memories of BRC?

Pete Haas. Canoe Trips. Tiger Whitmore getting me to eat spinach. Albert's warm welcoming on Opening Day and hearing: "wwwwww would you like a ssssample?" The best brownies in the world!! Popovers on Sundays. Shower Barons. Riflery. And sitting on rocks (when I was bad) or getting between the sheets at rest period. I was a wild child in that day.

Q: What was it like to be a father of two Birch Rockers – the next generation?

I was very proud to be able to have my boys attend "the Rock." I would often volunteer my days-off to allow the campers to go to the range to shoot or cover for the camp nurse on occa-

sion. My oldest son Thomas is now at Norwich University in the Corps of Cadets. My youngest Matthew is a freshman at Winthrop High School, and has his eyes set for communication.

Q: Your service to our country has taken many forms of Law Enforcement, Guard... etc... How did that calling come about?

I returned to the Coast Guard as a reserve after the events of 9-11. I needed to do my part to help defend this great nation of our's. As long as I remember, I have wanted to be in the Coast Guard. I love the water, boats and Law Enforcement. This was influenced by the BRC motto: Help the Other Fellow and the waterfront. Peter Haas also was a strong and positive influence to get in the service. All I ever wanted to do was to be a police officer and to serve. I was activated three times after 9-11, most recently in Iraq, where I served as a team leader responsible for the defense of Oil platforms. I received the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard achievement medals.

Q: Is/was there a specific event or circumstance in your life where the life lessons of BRC and your family have helped you succeed and/or overcome obstacles?

I strongly feel that what I learned at BRC was to be a better man, this helped in Boot camp and the Police Academy. A firm handshake is key. Look someone in the eye, and "Help the Other Fellow."

Q: is there a message you would like to share?

I strongly believe, that to serve the people of this great nation, and communities is the most important thing a man can do. Give of yourself to serve others without regards to pay or personal gain.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE ROCK

By Rich Deering, Alumni Director



As the autumn leaves vivid colors and cooling temperatures prevail, I am thankful for the beautiful weather we have enjoyed here on Lake McWain for the past six months. Mother Nature has been

kind, and so too have our families and friends of the BRC Community! Thank you! Our 84th season was a spectacular success! Your partnership with Birch Rock makes the difference!

Now we focus our efforts and outreach to the upcoming 2011 summer and celebration of 85 seasons of Birch Rock Camp for boys! That's right....Birch Rock Camp is having its 85th Birthday next summer and we hope to celebrate it with you. Please come and join us!

In this edition of the Birch Bark, we share our plans for 2011; extend an early invitation to return to BRC for a long Family Camp weekend and/or day-long celebration. Additionally, we want to share some interesting history about my first cabin camper, "Kit" Carson and some interesting anecdotes about our community today.....and leave you with this historical quip about the value of the summer camp experience from our founders, Chief & Onie Brewster:

Why Should A Boy Go To Summer Camp? Much of the success and joy of life depends upon initiative, perseverance, and interest in ones' work, the proper use of free time, and the ability to get along with others. Camp life gives a boy an excellent opportunity to become self-reliant and develop a well-rounded personality and have fun!"

Please join our birthday celebration and fun this 2011 season!

Faithfully,
Rich

CAMP DIRECTORS NOTES: "WE'D RATHER SPEND OUR SUMMERS HERE, THAN ANY PLACE ELSE YOU CAN NAME..."

Sign up and \$ave for 2011
By Michael Mattson, Camp Director



What an incredible season our 2010 season was!!! The weather was glorious, the staff were both creative and enthusiastic, and the campers? Well, the campers this summer were so wonderful...truly, a sensational group of young men. There were many feats accomplished, badges earned and incredible skits, theatrics and sheer fun!

You never knew what might pop up in the program from day to day. Counselors could be seen dressed in toga having a senatorial debate during snack or driving a pickup disguised as an ice cream

truck all over campus with the entertainer playing or teaching campers manners by dressing as Vikings and showing what it could be like without those manners. We also had a few specialty dinner nights with campers and staff dressing up for the international meal. So much fun!

"We'd rather spend our summers here, than any place else you can name...." as the opening verse of one of our BRC favorite songs go! Why wouldn't a boy be better off at Birch Rock? Nurturing structure, Life-long learning, and Confidence-building through Independence tucked in with crazy fun, special moments and the unexpected. So, what could happen next summer? Hmmm? Maybe, Medieval meal night with jousting perhaps or will the lodge become Wonka's Chocolate factory with chocolate river flowing through or maybe we'll find a way to make it snow on the boys over at tennis one day? Let's get cracking and get these young gents signed up for a glorious 2011 season. It's going to be another great one!

Even though summer's just 10 months away, now is the time to look plan for 2011. Please take advantage of our early registration and save some money. Early Registration ends November 1st so please contact us quickly. We appreciate your help in sharing BRC with others; If you know of someone who may be interested in BRC, please contact us and we will reach out to them or pass along our website to them (www.birchrock.org). You can reach us at (207) 741-2930 or birchrock@birchrock.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRC: 1926–2011

The 2011 summer marks the Birch Rock Camp's 85th SEASON for boys. We are excited to celebrate this event with you, our camp friends, alumni and community on August 20, 2011. In addition to this historic milestone, we are pleased to open up our annual BRC FAMILY CAMP program to prospective families, alumni and friends from August 19 to 23. Family Camp provides an opportunity for families to experience a combination of recreation and fun in the Maine woods on Lake McWain. Our program is designed for families to retreat and refresh themselves from the "work and school" world and rediscover their own enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Most of all, Birch Rock Family Camp is a time to relax and enjoy! So come join us.....for our 85th Celebration Day and/or the Family Camp extended weekend. You'll be glad that you did.....



BIRCH ROCK 85TH CELEBRATION & FAMILY CAMP 2011

August 19th – Friday

4-5 Arrival & Registration
5:30-6:30 Salty Snacks on the Lodge porch
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Introductions/Evening Activity
9:00 Gathering at Pat's Fireplace

1:30 Rest Period
2:30 Family/Group Activity – (Water Carnival or Scavenger Hunt)
5:30-6:30 Salty Snacks
6:30 Maine Pig Roast Dinner/Barbeque
7:30 Tree Talk- Birch Rock and You
9:30 Hilltop Stargazing with Astronomer Rick Pacelli

August 20th – Saturday

8-9 Breakfast Buffet
9:30-11:30 Camper/Children –First & Second Activity Periods
9:30-11:30 Parents/Adults – Free to Enjoy BRC
11:30-12:15 General Swim
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Rest Period
2:30 Family/Group Field Activity
4:30 General Swim
5:30-6:30 Salty Snacks
6:30 85th Celebration Lobster Bake (Lobsters & Chicken)
7:30 Community Remarks and Memories
8:00 Band and Dancing
10:00 Adult Hilltop Gathering

August 22nd- Monday

8-9 Breakfast
9:30-11:30 Camper/Children Activity Period
9:30-11:30 Parents/Adults- Free to Enjoy BRC
11:30-12:30 General Swim
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Rest Period
2:30 Family/Group Activity- Mt Tir'm, Crooked River?
4:30 General Swim
5:30-6:30 Salty Snacks
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Campfire- Skits & Fun
8:30 S'mores at Pat's Fireplace

August 21st- Sunday

8:30-9:30 Breakfast Buffet
10-11:30 Camper/Children Activity Period
10-11:30 Parents/Adults – Free to Enjoy BRC
11:30-12:15 General Swim
12:30 Lunch in the grove

August 23rd- Tuesday

9-10 Brunch Buffet
10-11 Pack-up & Departure

For more information & registration www.birchrock.org



COMING HOME AGAIN: THE BRC CAMP SWEATER

By Doug Francis, Parent of William Francis '00s



*Dear Rich & Mike,
I am not sure why I was alerted to it, but I wound up bidding on a BRC piece of memorabilia on eBay, and I won it! Honestly, it was probably a treasure for some little boy back in the 50's & 60's because it is in almost new condition.*

It is a wool camp sweater with big felt "BR" initials on the front from the W.H. Brine Company in Boston, MA. There is no visible wear and tear so I have to assume that the boy must have outgrown the sweater quickly after getting it. That Brine log was old in the 1980's when my high school basketball team retired their old wool jerseys.

When I saw this sweater on eBay I had William come in for a look, and official camper look-see. He said that it sure looked like one of the sweaters boys were wearing in the old photos on the wall in the lodge. The sweater came from a deal of "vintage" clothing in Minneapolis, MN and I have no extra history to share.

You know, when I saw this sweater online, I had a feeling that the original owner would have been thrilled to know his sweater went home to Birch Rock Camp. So I hope you guys can find an appropriate spot for it, where it can be admired by the new generation of boys spending their summers on the shores of Lake McWain.

BIRCH BRIEFS



MICHAEL APPICELLI HONORED

The Birch Rock Community officially honored our beloved Senior Counselor, **Michael "Don Miquel" Appicelli** on August 1st with a lodge plaque hung above his mentor Buck Hard. The inscription states: Birch Rock salutes your 60 years of magic, love and friendship to our community. Congratulations, Don Miquel.....here's to 60 more!

BIRCH ROCK'S NEWEST WHALES

The 2010 season added six more amazing swimmers who persevered around Lake McWain's perimeter. Congratulations to Senior Campers: **Eli Brewster, Ben Foley, Jimmy Scanlon** and **Alex McLaughlin**; CIT's: **Ben Duvall** and **Ryan Boothby**!

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ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES

Chairman Seth Brewster welcomed **Steve '70s** and **Libby Whittier** of Cape Elizabeth, ME. **Steve** and **Libby** are the proud parents of Birch Rock Camper **Stuart Whittier '00s**.



EIGHT COMPLETE COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING SEASON

Under the leadership of **Mike "Mystro" Davis**, eight outstanding Birch Rock gentlemen completed leadership training and apprenticeships this past summer: **Will Alexander** of Cape Elizabeth, ME; **Ryan Boothby** of Brewer, ME; **Gabe Dreyer** of Newton, MA; **Ben Duvall** of Newton, MA; **Will Goduti** of Cape Elizabeth, ME; **Theo Lipsky** of Brooklyn, NY; **Connor McLaughlin** of Basking Ridge, NJ; **Ben Semmes** of South Portland, ME. These gentlemen also earned their American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification.



10 SEASONS FOR HARRY NETZER

The Official BR Decade Club maroon vest was presented to **Counselor Harry Netzer** of Larchmont, NY. Harry was recognized for his 10 seasons at BRC from camper, counselor-in-training and junior counselor. A 2010 graduate of the Horace Mann School in NY, Harry is entering a gap year of exploration and adventure on the Appalachian Trails before his entrance to Colby College in Waterville, Maine for the fall of 2011.



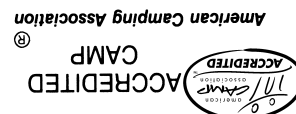
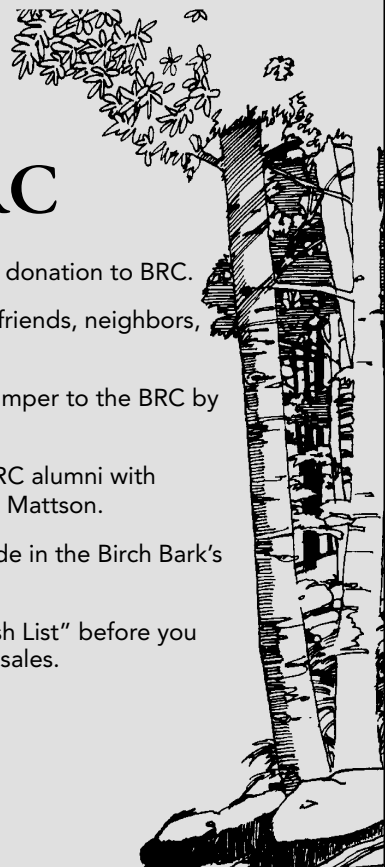
Mark Your Calendars for 2011!



BRC Summer Office Opens	Wednesday, June 1
BRC Staff Orientation	Thursday, June 16
C.I.T. Orientation	Wednesday, June 22
BRC Opening	Sunday, June 26
Cubs' Camp I First Session	Sunday, June 26
Cubs' Camp I - Ends	Saturday, July 9
PARENT VISITING DAY	Sunday, July 10
Cubs' Camp II - Begins	Sunday, July 10
First Session End	Sunday, July 10
Cubs' Camp II - Ends	Saturday, July 23
BRC Opening 2nd Session	Sunday, July 24
Maine Wilderness Adventure	Sunday, July 24
BRC for Boys & MWA - Ends	Saturday, August 13
BRC Family Camp	Friday, August 19 -23
85th Reunion	Saturday, August 20
BRC Family Camp ends	Tuesday, August 23

It's Easy to Help BRC

- Send a tax-deductible donation to BRC.
- Promote BRC among friends, neighbors, family and colleagues.
- Refer a prospective camper to the BRC by phone or email.
- Host a gathering of BRC alumni with Directors Deering and Mattson.
- Send us news to include in the Birch Bark's Alumni News column.
- Ask us about our "Wish List" before you have your spring yard sales.



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